Chapter 2

THOSE WHO DENY THE TEACHINGS OF THE SAINT
HAH... HAH-AHAH
AND SHOW HOSTILITY TOWARDS HER
ARE DEMONS.
AHAHAHA!!

AHA-HAH..!
WEN!?
YOU KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT US.
YOU HEARD IT FROM THAT PERSON THERE.
WEN!!
WEN...

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER ...!
WEN!
HA-HA...
W...
AHA-HAH...!

WE WERE TAUGHT THAT ONE MUST BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT.
FUFU...
BUT, IN REALITY ...
SHUT UP!!

CLATTER
DOING THINGS LIKE ATTACKING PEOPLE DURING PEACE
YOU ARE THE DEMONS INSTEAD!!
I'M NOT A DEMON!!
FU... FUFU.
HAAH
HAAH
LOOK NOW,
YOU GUYS CAN SEE THE TRUE FACE OF THE CHURCH LIKE THIS...

SFX: SWOOSH
STOP IT!!
DON'T COMPARE ME TO YOU GUYS!!
DON'T KILL MY MOTHER!!
!!
...BUT WHY!?
YOU WERE... FOLLOWING THE SAINT'S TEACHINGS, WEREN'T YOU!?

WHY DO YOU CALL US DEMONS!?
WE'RE JUST HELPING EACH OTHER OUT!
I AM FOLLOWING THEM!
I'M PROTECTING MY MOTHER AND BROTHER WITH MY OWN HANDS!
BECAUSE WE LOVE EACH OTHER WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER!
YOU'RE WRONG... RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
WHEN YOU BECOME A DEMON YOU CAN'T FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS!!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND US!?
LUCIAN...

I... STILL
DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY'RE NOT HUMANS, RIGHT ..?
THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE INJURED ME ARE DEMONS.
HOWEVER,
IT'S ONLY A POSSIBILITY BUT
THE WAY WE FEEL ABOUT THE SAINT
IS THE SAME AS THAT, ISN'T IT?
YEAH...
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT FEELING THEN EVEN WE CAN UNDERSTAND, I THINK
SFX: STARTLED
ER-U-?

SHANK

—YOU...

EVEN I CAN ABIDE BY THE SAINT'S TEACHINGS.
DRIP
THUD
PANT
SO I'M GOING TO PROTECT MY MOTHER AND SISTER!
SQUEEZE
EVEN THOUGH I'M MISSING AN ARM I CAN STILL TRY MY BEST!
PANT
WITH THIS ARM, BOTH MY MOTHER AND SISTER WILL BE

GEEZ, MURRAY,
I TOLD YOU TO BE CAUTIOUS!
SWISH
SAVED—
SLASH
ROLL
ERIC!!
N...!!
NO...!!

SFX: STAB
KI!
SINCE IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE!
LUCIAN...!
..ERI..
ERIC...!
!!

"ADVOCATING DIFFERENCE IS A SIN."
"TURNING YOUR BACK IS A SIN."

"VIOLATING YOUR VOWS IS A SIN."
"GIVING IN TO HUBRIS IS A SIN."
"ONCE MORE, I ASK YOU TO PUT YOUR FAITH IN ME."
"SO THAT YOU WILL FACE NO TROUBLES IN BEING FORGIVEN."
"WITHOUT THAT, YOU WILL FALL INTO THE GRIP OF PUNISHMENT."
LISTEN UP, MURRAY.

YOU SHOULDN'T LISTEN TO A DEMON'S CRIES.
THEY ARE WORDS MEANT TO DECEIVE US.
DEMONS...
TAP
PRESIDENT.
CAN WE JOIN YOU?

I CAN'T... HEAR THEM VERY WELL.
THE TWO OF US GOT CHILDREN...
WITH THIS... THERE'S ONLY—
PANT
PANT
YES,
PLEASE DO.
OKAY.
WHO... ARE THEY?
THERE'S... THREE. HUH? FOR US THIS IS AN EXTREMELY LOW AMOUNT.
WHAT... ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
WELL, IT IS WHAT IT IS.

WEN...
COUGH
AH... I'M...
TRULY
THUD
MURRAY!
UNSIGHTLY.

I DON'T WANT TO EAT AT THE SAME TABLE AS MURRAY!!
ME NEITHER!!
GO OVER THERE DEMON!!
WE MIGHT GET INFECTED WITH THE DEMON'S CURSE?!!
!!
GLARE
IF IT ANNOYS YOU THEN LET US SEE UNDER THAT EYEPATCH!!
YOU MUST BE HIDING THE EYE OF A DEMON!!
SQUEEZE

KLISS
I'M NOT A DEMON!
I DON T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A CURSE!!
AH...
I ACCI-DENTALLY BROUGHT IT WITH ME.
.....

I DON'T...
I DON'T NEED THIS KIND OF EYE!!
SQUEEZE
WHOOSH

CLANG
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SFX: SMACK
NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON...
INJURING YOURSELF IS UNFORGIVABLE!

"FIRST, YOU MUST LOVE."
BUT ...!
MURRAY,
BEFORE YOU CAN LOVE OTHERS YOU MUST FIRST LOVE YOURSELF.

...HUH?
WHY DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...?
OF COURSE I KNOW IT.
...BUT, YOU ALSO THINK IT'S WEIRD, DON'T YOU?
ALL THE CHILDREN IN THIS CHURCH
ARE LIKE MY OWN CHILDREN.
PULL
MY EYE...
EVERYONE WORRIES ABOUT BEING CURSED
AND SAYS I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH DEMONS...!
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF ...!!
OF COURSE NOT.

SINCE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN THIS CHURCH SINCE YOU WERE A BABY
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH A DEMON.
IT'S SIMPLY THAT YOUR EYE IS A RARE COLOR, MURRAY.
AND I LIKE THAT COLOR
VERY MUCH.
YOU LIKE IT?
IT'S VERY PRECIOUS,
THAT EYE OF YOURS
REALLY ...?
YEP.

"HE IS A MIRROR OF YOU."
MURRAY, DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
"HE LOVES, PITIES AND EMBRACES YOU."
"SO YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME WHEN POSSIBLE."
"HE TAKES YOUR NEGLECT, ABUSE AND PAIN."
"SO YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME WHEN POSSIBLE."
"FIRST,"
"YOU MUST LOVE."

IF YOU SHOW KINDNESS AND LOVE THEN EVEN YOUR ENEMIES WILL BE CHANGED.
YOU MUSTN'T SHOW OTHERS HATRED.
MURRAY.
HAVE SOME FAITH.
WITHOUT A DOUBT SOMEONE WILL APPEAR THAT UNDERSTANDS YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEART.
...SOMEONE LIKE YOU?
YES,
THAT'S RIGHT.
SAINT, YOU WERE HERE!?
I FOUND YOU.
YOU SHOULD RETURN IMMEDIATELY.
The Saint...?

MY GREATEST APOLOGIES. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WORRIED A LOT ABOUT ME.
THIS PERSON IS...!?
ANYWAY, MURRAY,
SEE YOU AGAIN.
O... OKAY, SAINT!

YVESKA.
MY FATHER IS IN THE SAME STATE AS ALWAYS TODAY?
THAT IS CORRECT.

LEAVING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT TO HIS RETAINERS
WHILE HE'S LOCKED HIMSELF UP IN HIS ROOM? MY FATHER IS SO...
DEPLORABLE.
THAT'S...
ANOTHER CASUALTY OF THE BLOODY CORPSE DISEASE?
I FEAR THAT'S THE CASE...

HOW TRAGIC.
EVEN THE SAINT'S TREATMENT CAN'T CURE ALL THE INFECTED, I SUPPOSE
THOUGH THERE'S NO END TO THE LIVES LOST DUE TO THE BLOODY CORPSE DISEASE. . FATHER—
THOUGH IT'S A DISEASE THAT'S BEEN SPREADING SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THIS NATION
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT IT'S NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!?
THOSE STANDING AT THE TOP OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD FIND A WAY TO HELP THEIR CITIZENS-
IS THAT NOT OUR DUTY...!?
SQUEEZE
MAJESTY FERIN
YOU HAVE INJURED YOUR HAND
.....
YVESKA,

IT SEEMS IF I DON'T QUICKLY TAKE ACTION TO REPLACE MY FATHER
THEN THERE WILL BE NO HOPE OF ERADICATING THIS ILLNESS.
TAKE... ACTION? WHAT IN THE WORLD..
HAVE YOU DECIDED TO DO?
IN ORDER TO ENSURE THERE AREN'T ANY MORE DEATHS
I HAVE TO PIN DOWN THE SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS.
WELL, THAT IS INDEED TRUE BUT...
I KNOW SOME THINGS WITHOUT ANYONE HAVING TOLD ME
THE CHURCH IS A SACRED AREA WHERE EVEN ROYALTY CANNOT ENTER EASILY.
IT'S ALSO DIFFICULT TO HEAR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHURCH

IF ONE PLANNED TO PERSONALLY MEET WITH AN INFECTED PERSON
I DON'T THINK FOR A SECOND THE CHURCH WOULD ALLOW IT.
MAJESTY FERIN.

EXAMINING THE INFECTED IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT HOW ABOUT INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE OF DEATH?

I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF THAT
HOWEVER, THE CHURCH WOULDN'T ALLOW THE GRAVEYARD TO BE EXPOSED, RIGHT?
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO GET PERMISSION.
WHAT'S THAT...?

WE DO NOT HAVE TO NOTIFY THE CHURCH.
WE CAN CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION IN SECRET.
SINCE IT'S A GRAVE-YARD THERE SHOULDN'T BE VERY MUCH SURVE-ILLANCE.
.....
YVESKA,
YES, MAJESTY?
RIGHT NOW I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED
THAT YOU WOULD SUGGEST SUCH A BOLD THING!
I AM A BELIEVER
HOWEVER, THE ONE I'M SERVING IS NOT THE CHURCH IT'S YOU, MAJESTY FERIN.
IF YOU DESIRE TO DO SO THEN ALL I CAN DO IS GIVE MY ASSISTANCE.

IF NO ONE DISCOVERS US AND TELLS ON US
THEN THERE WILL BE NO HARM INFLICTED ON THE SAINT HUH?
I FEEL A LITTLE AWKARD ABOUT IT...
BUT, IT'S IN ORDER TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
EXCUSE ME, MAJESTY FERIN.
THE QUEEN HAS CALLED FOR YOU, MAJESTY.
GRAB
MOTHER...!?

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MOTHER!?
N... NO...
LIM...
GRIP
IT'S ONLY...
ENOUGH ALREADY!

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